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2. The primary mission of the Security Section was to unearth cases of sabotage, defection and disloyalty within the unit to which it was assigned. It operated on the informer system. Each of the ten officers of the Security Section was assigned a certain department on the airfield. The Security Officer picked a few most reliable individuals, from within the section to act as informants. These informants were known to each other. They made reports to the Security Officer using an alias (assigned by the Security Officer) for signature. It was possible for informants to report on each other. The informant reported the name of the offender, date, time, place, witnesses and circumstances under which the offense occurred. Types of offenses to be reported included derogatory remarks concerning Soviet pilots or equipment, complaints concerning food, working conditions, etc. Action was not taken immediately against the offender, but supervision was intensified and a dossier started. Important communications between the Security Section and Headquarters in Budapest were made by carrier pigeons. There were about fifteen of these pigeons at the Szolnok Security Section.
3. A Hungarian antiaircraft artillery unit was stationed at the airfield in May 1940 and left in July 1949. I estimate the number of personnel assigned to that antiaircraft artillery unit at 80 or 90. The antiaircraft guns were a Soviet type, mounted on four-wheeled carriages. Traction was provided by "Dodge" type trucks. The guns had a bore of approximately 60 mm. The barrels moved in a 90° vertical arc. They were equipped with flash hiders and two recuperators. The barrels were moved when the crew turned the hand wheels. The twelve antiaircraft

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guns were spaced in either a straight or staggered line, at approximately ten meter intervals. They were located near the airfield and were used for practice sighting on aircraft flying in that area. Each gun had a small portable radio. The shells were about 80 cm long, having circles of red, green, or white on the head of the projectile. Each gun was operated by five persons including a radio-man.

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